Telephone connection in Thodupuzha exchange in Kerala

1245. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone lines functioning at Thodupuzha Exchange in Kerala Circle to-date;

(b) the number of new lines added each year to the existing lines during the last three years;

(c) the number of new connections given during this period, yearwise;

(d) the number of applications which are pending for telephone connections, figures category wise;

(e) the date of last connection sanctioned among each category; and

(f) what steps are being taken to expand this exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) 800 lines MAX II exchange is working at Thodupuzha with 791 working connections and 485 on waiting list.

(b) No. of new lines added each year during the last three years is as below:

1984-85	NIL
1985-86	100 (700-800 L)
1986-87	NIL

(c) No. of new connections provided each year during the last three years is as under:

1984-85	NIL
1985-86	76
1986-87	29

(d) No. of applications pending for new connections category-wise are:—

OYT	58
Non-OYT (Spl)	58
General	369

(e) Date of provision of last connection category-wise is:—

OYT	10-6-86
Non-OYT	10-7-86
General	12-8-81

(f) The exchange is planned to be expanded by 300 lines in two phases during the 7th Plan.

Functioning of the telephone exchange in Madras

1246. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones that are functioning in each exchange of Madras Telephones to-date;

(b) the number of additional connections that were sanctioned in each exchange during the last three years, the names of new exchanges that were opened in Madras;

(c) the number of applications that are pending in each exchange for telephones; the number that are pending for more than two years old;

(d) whether there is any proposal to convert Madras Telephones into autonomous Corporations as the case of Bombay and Delhi, if so, by when and details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The information is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) A decision in this regard will be taken after evaluating the results of working of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. for Delhi and Bombay.